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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Today is the last day that I can contact you regarding the finalization of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. I would like to share my view that as the settlement is written, it appears fair to all parties.

Apparently, Microsoft has made numerous changes to satisfy this agreement, including agreeing to work with a Technical Committee that will serve as a watchdog of its activities and practices. It seems to me that Microsoft and the government, possibly no lover of the company, have hammered out an agreement that each party can live with. Since this is the case, there should be no reason to alter the agreement...I have become increasingly cynical, believing that additional requirements are wanted by competitors to satisfy their interests, certainly NOT the 'public's'.

My life, and my business' life, have been improved and made easier by Microsoft. The adage "crying over spilt milk" has been a tactic for decades. It is time for competitors to step up their efforts to compete: to innovate, improve and participate in the technology revolution that just won't quit. I also support the philanthropic works of the Gates family and feel certain they will continue to lead the US in discovering and pursuing worthwhile projects, some that the United States has ignored or underfunded for decades. Let Microsoft's competitors follow in its footsteps and show the world that the corporate world can think beyond the "bottom line" and lead with generosity. Thank you for calling for comments, and for your attention.

Sincerely,
Carola Lewis

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